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LEGEND

Company =

State =

Date 1 =

Date 2 =

Dear :

This letter responds to a letter dated February 5, 2012, and subsequent correspondence, submitted on behalf of Company, requesting a ruling under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FACTS

Company incorporated under the laws of State on Date 1. Company's shareholders intended for Company to be treated as an S corporation as of Date 2. However, a Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, was not filed timely. Company requests a ruling that it will be recognized as an S corporation effective Date 2.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 1362(a) provides that a small business corporation may elect to be an S corporation.

Section 1362(b)(1) provides that an election under § 1362(a) may be made by a small business corporation for any taxable year at any time during the preceding taxable year, or at any time during the taxable year and on or before the 15th day of the third month of the taxable year.

Section 1362(b)(3) provides that if a small business corporation makes an election under § 1362(a) for any taxable year, and the election is made after the 15th day of the third month of the taxable year and on or before the 15th day of the third month of the following taxable year, then the election is treated as made for the following taxable year.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if an election under § 1362(a) is made for any taxable year (determined without regard to § 1362(b)(3)), after the date prescribed by § 1362(b) for making the election for the taxable year or no § 1362(a) election is made for any taxable year, and the Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make the election, the Secretary may treat the election as timely made for the taxable year (and § 1362(b)(3) shall not apply).

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts submitted and representations made, we conclude that Company has established reasonable cause for failing to make a timely election to be an S corporation. Thus, we conclude that Company is eligible for relief under § 1362(b)(5). Accordingly, if Company files a completed Form 2553 effective Date 2 with the appropriate service center within 120 days following the date of this letter, then such election will be treated as timely made. A copy of this letter should be attached to Form 2553. A copy is enclosed for that purpose.

Except as expressly provided herein, we express or imply no opinion concerning the federal tax consequences of any aspect of any transaction or item discussed or referenced in this letter. Specifically, we express or imply no opinion as to whether Company is otherwise eligible to be an S corporation for federal tax purposes.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer requesting it. Section 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

In accordance with a power of attorney on file with this office, we are sending a copy of this letter to your authorized representative.

The ruling contained in this letter is based upon information and representations submitted by the taxpayer and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the ruling request, it is subject to verification on examination.

Sincerely,

Stacy L. Short
Senior Technician Reviewer, Branch 3
Office of the Associate Chief Counsel
(Passthroughs & Special Industries)

Enclosures (2):

Copy of this letter
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